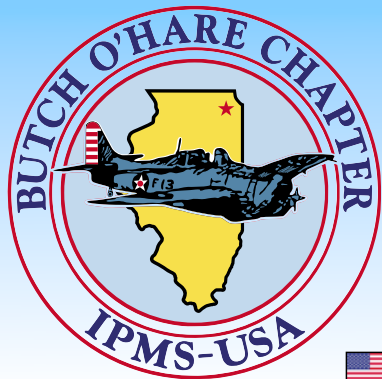




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INFAMOUS REMNANTS: DACHAU



Story and pics by Kevin Stover

The inscription reads: "IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ARMORED DIVISION (LIBERATORS) U.S. 7TH ARMY WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LIBERATION OF DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP APRIL 29, 1945 AND IN EVERLASTING MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF NAZI BARBARISM, THIS TABLET IS DEDICATED APRIL 28, 1996."

We military scale modelers owe it to ourselves to remember the reasons that the models we build were invented. We modelers are good on the technical aspects of our military subjects but sometimes forgetful of the hateful reasons these machines were used.

On a recent trip to Munich, Germany, I was not so harshly reminded myself when I visited the Dachau concentration camp, just outside of the city. In 1937, Munich was not that big a town. At the time, Dachau was a prison camp for everyone--criminals, political prisoners, enemies of the state. Prisoners could do their time and be released or even buy themselves free.

After the war started and the emphasis changed from political prisoners to Jews, Dachau's role in history changed. The wooden barracks where the prisoners lived

are gone now, burned after the war in an attempt to erase its memory. But the cement foundations are still there.

The torture and punishment buildings are present too--they were made of brick instead of wood. Even the first small two-person incinerator building still stands, right next to the new larger building that could burn several bodies at a time. The devices that chained people to the walls, hooks where they were hung while being whipped, are all in their actual places, silently waiting.

"THE SEEDS OF ANTISEMITISM, RACISM, DISREGARD OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN SOWN DURING THE PRECEDING PERIOD, AND GAINED AFTER 1933 WITH ALARMING SPEED... EACH OF US TODAY IS SHAPING THE BACKGROUND HISTORY OF TOMORROW." - Chaim Schatzker

Every time I look at a WWII model, be it tank, fighter, bomber, artillery piece, I'm reminded of this visit and others. Our models have zero meaning if we don't know the reasons they were created. Places like Dachau bring the high cost of war into sharp focus. Maybe it is good to have reminders of what can happen when we all forget or turn away from history. Especially today.

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Important Stuff:

Next Club Meeting
at St. Paul's
Church on Friday,
September 8, 2017
7:30 pm

Demonstration:
Build-It Night

Special Theme:
Still Serving



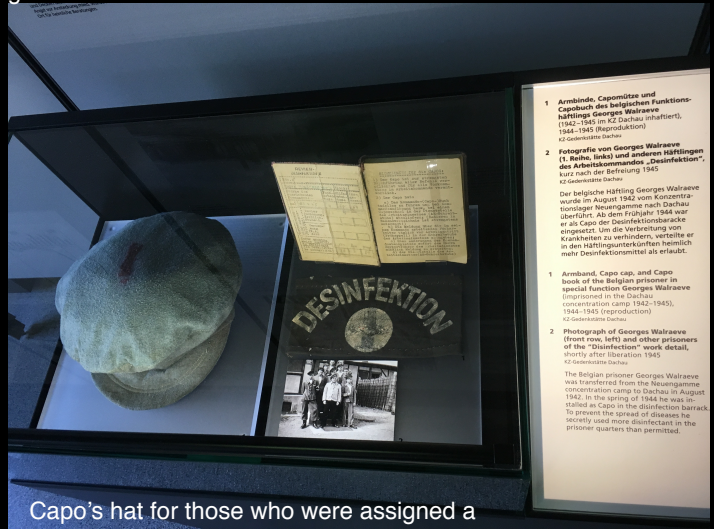
The entrance guardhouse. SS were stationed at and lived in this gate.



Work does not make you free.
Here, it makes you dead.



Trench lines dug inside the camp.



Capo's hat for those who were assigned a



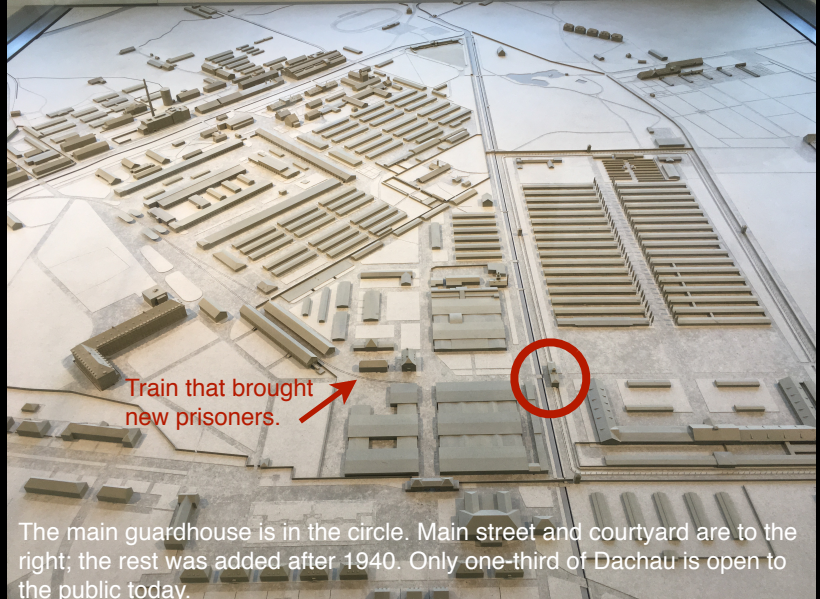
Recreated bunks where prisoners slept shoulder to shoulder.



Main street where prisoners were gathered.



The original two-person crematorium still stands.



Train that brought new prisoners.

The main guardhouse is in the circle. Main street and courtyard are to the right; the rest was added after 1940. Only one-third of Dachau is open to the public today.



How is this for reference material: Sig Haugdahl's Wisconsin Special, a race car that was timed at 180 mph in 1922 on the hard-packed sand of the Daytona Beach race course. It is powered by a huge 836-cubic inch, in-line 6-cylinder Wisconsin aircraft engine mounted in a simple chassis that looks more like something found under a farm tractor than a race car! It has a neat (for 1922) streamlined homemade sheet steel body. My model car building associate, the late Bob Pierce, and I were commissioned by Chuck Davis to measure and photograph everything related to this original, still drivable racer owned by Tom Mittler of South Bend, Ind. In the photo below, Bob Pierce is to the left and Tom Mittler's full-time mechanic is to the right, beginning to remove body panels, seat, steering wheel and floor.



The engine is very similar to the Fiat aircraft engine in Mefistofele, even having the same updraft aircraft carburetors, which aided me greatly in correcting the engine in the Fiat build. The Wisconsin Special is unusual because it doesn't have a transmission gear box--just direct drive through what is thought to be a tugboat clutch.

Two days were spent compiling what Bob and I needed to draw one-eighth size plans, using lots of detail shots for what we thought we were going to use to build our next commission car for Chuck Davis, but that was not to be. No model was involved; the information apparently was going to be used to produce a full-size replica race car. We were paid for our work and sent the information to Chuck Davis. Bob was disappointed and did not draw up a set of plans (Bob's specialty), and I kept a second set of photos (just in case). As far as I know, with the passing of Chuck Davis, no car has been built.

Drivable, full-size replica race cars from the '20s, '30s and '40s are often seen at antique race car meets such as the big Miller meet in Milwaukee, which each year draws more than 50 vintage race cars to drive on the 1-mile track (at a reduced speed). They put on a great show, and the pit area is open to all visitors! The sound of these old racers is like music to my ears: low strong notes, not the high-rev screech of current Indy cars!

Most computer issues are caused by a faulty connection between the chair and the keyboard.



Keith Ward

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The Display Table



Right and middle: Ron Getz
brought in two big planes in
excellent form. The P-40 Warhawk
and the P-47 Thunderbolt (below)
are wonderful.
Both 1/32



Right: Dick Beemer's YP-59
really has that "first jet" flavor
around it.
*1/48, HobbyCraft w/ True
Detail cockpit.*



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Bill Vinikour brought in these two zombies.
*1/6, Quarantine Studio
Zombies Unleashed series*



THIS MONTH IN MILITARY HISTORY

September 6, 1976: A Soviet Air Force pilot lands his MiG fighter jet in Japan and asks for asylum in the United States. The incident was a serious embarrassment for the Soviets and also provided a bit of a surprise for U.S. officials. When the Soviets first put the MiG-25 (known as the Foxbat) into production in the 1960s, U.S. officials became nearly hysterical. (tdmh)



September 24, 2014: After 32 years of service to the nation, the last operational HU-25 Falcon--the only jet to ever be a part of the U.S. Coast Guard's air fleet--is retired in Corpus Christi, Texas. The jet played a significant role in search and rescue as well as counter drug missions and was a critical asset during the first Gulf War. (tdmh)



UPCOMING REGION V EVENTS

September 9, 2017

IPMS Gateway Contest and Swap Meet

Holiday Inn-Rte. 66

10709 Watson Road

St. Louis, MO

Douglas Barton peddocdoug@gmail.com

October 14, 2017 (all day)

GLUE CREW 2016

Quality Inn

2901 Hummingbird Road

Wausau, WI

Joe Drew jdrew09@charter.net

September 16, 2017

IPMS Prison City Modelers Annual Show

The Heritage Center

109 Delaware St.

Leavenworth, KS

Mark Gerges mgerges@kc.rr.com

November 4, 2017 (9am to 3:30pm)

TigerCon 2017

Hickman HS Event Center

1104 N. Providence Road

Columbia, MO

T. Mike Curry

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September 30, 2017- 9 am

NordicCon 2016

Inner Grove Heights Vets Mem Com Ctr.

8055 Barbara Ave.

Inner Grove Heights, MN

Mark Jacques mwjacques1@yahoo.com

November 11, 2017 - 9am to 5pm

IPMS "Butch" O'Hare Chapter Contest

Lakeview Junior High School

701 Plainfield Road [Map](#)

Downers Grove, IL

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INDESTRUCTIBLE

By John R. Bruning

Reviewed by John Kaufman

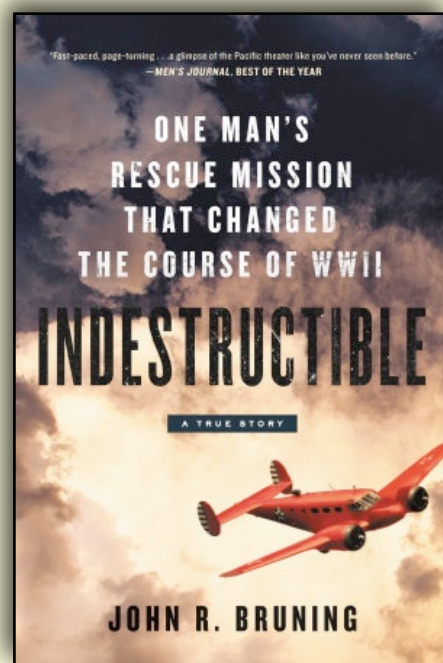
Many who have studied WWII in the Pacific have heard of Pappy Gunn, the wizard who designed the strafing bombers and pioneered skip bombing and other innovations used by the AAF in the Pacific Theater. I'll bet none of us ever realized that his family was held captive by the Japanese all that time, or that Pappy was a pioneering aviator for the Navy. That and more is what you will learn about if you read "Indestructible" by John R. Bruning. Paul "Pappy" Irvin Gunn was a larger-than-life figure throughout his history. From an early life of general rowdiness, when he rebuilt a car from parts obtained from a junk yard and learned he had an innate engineering sense and a way with machines, he then graduated to running liquor during Prohibition, since of course he had the fastest wheels in the county. That got him in sideways with the law, and he joined the navy, becoming an early aviator for them.

Once retired from the navy, he picked up his family and moved them to the Philippines, where he started an airline with three whole airplanes: a Beech Staggerwing and two Beech 18s. They were living in Manila at the time of Pearl Harbor, and "PI" ("Pappy" came later), offered his services to the American military to fly personnel and equipment around while he looked for an opportunity to get his family out. Christmas Eve 1941 came and saw PI and his family separated, and then the Japanese came. PI spent the remainder of 1941 and early 1942 looking for a way to get back to Manila to rescue his family, but to no avail. Between hops back toward Manila, he spent his time building and tuning aircraft to take the fight to the Japanese. His navy and personal scrounging skills came to the front, as he begged, borrowed and outright stole what he needed to get the planes in the air. So an obnoxious clerk at a supply depot was no problem: One of two Colt .45s shoved under the guy's nose usually did the trick, minimizing the red tape.

At times, it seemed he was fighting two wars, one against the Japanese and one against the bureaucracy as the AAF struggled to get itself organized. He really didn't care who he pissed off as long as the fighting men got the weapons they needed to crush the Japanese. As the war progressed, PI--now "Pappy" given that he was in his 40s--worked men half his age to exhaustion trying to improve the capabilities of our aircraft. He succeeded with the gun nose versions of the A-20 and B-25, which peaked out at 12 fixed .50s firing forward with an additional two in the top turret if he decided to help. Once MacArthur returned to the Philippines, Pappy was in the front lines building an airfield right off of the landing beaches. It was there that the Japanese got him, kicking him out of the war with a nearby bomb.

Pappy spent weeks in the hospital and was there reunited with his family, who had their own adventures during the occupation. In fact, he wasn't recovering well, and when General Wainwright came by to visit, Pappy's wife, Polly, laid into him about how Pappy wasn't getting the treatment he deserved. Wainwright called the two ranking doctors and tore a significant strip off of them for how the hospital was treating Pappy, using some pretty foul language. At the end he turned to Polly to apologize for the language, and her response was that she had been married 20 years to a sailor so she was used to it. Turns out Pappy had a piece of phosphorus from the bomb stuck deep in his arm, burning out a nerve and causing severe pain. Once it was taken out, he healed fine, but that arm was never the same. Pappy Gunn died in a plane crash in the 1950s, and Polly never remarried. When asked once, she said she had had the love of her life. That was Indestructible.

I recommend this book to anyone who is even vaguely interested in the war in the Pacific or in Pappy Gunn in particular. The author strikes a good balance between technical details, personal interactions and moving the story along, so it is an easy read. I hope you enjoy it!



The Display Table



Right: Don Grajek was the only one to stick to the theme “anything red” with these 1950s era fighters and trainers. An F9F-8B and SNB-2 Beechcraft are both from NAS Glenview. The D-558 red Douglas Skyrocket and FJ-4B Fury are from NAS Miramar. Didn’t Sky King fly a Beech?

All 1/72, kits (Pioneer, Hasegawa, Meikraft and Emhar)



Bill Vinikour strikes again with this “Hanna and the Sabertooth” bust.

1/10, Bowen Designs

Rich Bingham’s Godzilla Ghost skeleton is big and makes a big statement!

1/200, Brantworks





FROM THE OVAL OFFICE



Dear Members,

Hope all of you are finding some time to get some modeling done. This month's theme for models brought to the meeting is "Still Serving"--old but still working! A few things come to mind about this theme, like B52s, SR71s, M60s. Oh yeah, and don't forget us modelers--some of us are old, but we still serve! I appreciate the help that everyone gives for the meetings, and also when it comes time for the BOH show on Nov. 11, 2017.

Speaking of the show, we will need help again. We will have set up on Friday night, Nov. 10. The tables are ordered and will need some muscle to move them around. On show day, we will need help at the doors, registration, raffle, tabulation, and judging. So mark your calendars, and we will discuss more at the next meeting. I hope to have a signup sheet for those who can help us out.

Also, Kevin has done a great job with the newsletter and is going to step down in December. I am looking for someone to take over this very important job in the club. Our newsletter complements our club and its activities along with our website. Please give some consideration to this. Keep in mind that this doesn't have to be a one-person job! If a couple of guys want to work together on it, that would be fine. Also, forgot to mention that if you have kits you can donate to the raffle, please bring them to the next meeting and I will put them in the collection.

See you at the next meeting!



How about a little solar
eclipse action?

Pic by Kevin Stover

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Upcoming Schedule 2017

Date	Theme	Demo/guest
January 13	****	****
February 10	****	****
March 10	****	****
April 14	****	****
May 12	****	****
June 9	****	****
July 14	****	****
August 11	****	****
September 8	<i>Still Serving (old but still working)</i>	<i>Build-It Night</i>
October 13	<i>Young Upstarts (Less than 5 years' service)</i>	
November 10	<i>Contest</i>	<i>Setup</i>
December 8	<i>Club Builds</i>	<i>Party</i>

WE NEED YOUR HELP



All meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at:

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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